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A GENTLE DOCTOR'S PRAYER

Jeff Palmer

Father, I pray as I cradle my patient in my arms that Your healing touch flows through my hands as I stroke his fur.

I pray that you have planted the seeds of wisdom and knowledge within my mind so I may know that I have to the best of my ability fulfilled the oath of my profession.

Allow compassion to show in my eyes as I stare down at my patient. For without that compassion, how can I truly care for any of Your magnificent creatures.

Let the soothing words fall from my lips as I listen to the whimpers of pain and confusion from both my patient and his mother.

If my patient should live through this difficult time, let the bells of Your kingdom ring in triumph to harmonize the joy spouting forth from my heart.

And if he should die in my arms, give me the courage to cry for the loss of one so precious and new to life.

For as I know the grief is great in this world, I also know he will be comforted by the warmth from Your hearth of Eternal Flame.

Amen

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